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# Grand Master's Message

In last years' Christmas message, I spoke to you of hope and its ever present companion opportunity and suggested that as Christians we should seek opportunities in which we might be of service to our friends, family, fraternity, and those less fortunate than ourselves such that we gave them hope. Did we avail ourselves of the opportunity to do so? If not, will we this year?

During this past year, I have noticed a number of television commercials geared toward courtesy and kindness to others. These one minute spots, sponsored by The Foundation for a Better Life, are among the most positive things on television. This foundation was founded by Philip Anschutz, a conservative evangelical Christian, and is funded solely by him. The foundation began its first commercials in late 2001 and encourages all of us to step up to a higher level and promote good behavior. My chapeau is off to this man who has used his fortune to encourage all of us to be of service to our fellowman. Might we do the same on a lesser scale?

Our ancient brethren, whose name we have taken, were service oriented. Are we keeping the tradition? If we are to be as good as we say we are, we need to make an extra effort to be of service during this Christmas season. **Chivalry, Christianity, Templary – A Way of Life** should be our focus during this wonderful Christmas season. I know you gave someone hope last year, and will do so again this year.

The officers of the Grand Encampment, my Lady Elizabeth, and I wish for each of you and your families a most enjoyable holiday season.

Merry Christmas!

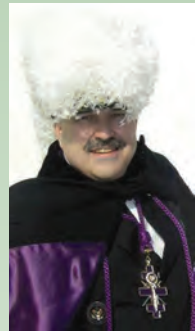


William H. Koon, II, GCT  
Grand Master



## Sir Knight William D. Hartman, KCT - Appointed Grand Prelate

Sir Knight William D. Hartman, KCT and Past Grand Commander, has been appointed Right Eminent Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar upon the resignation of Sir Knight J. Robert Cave, KGC. Sir Knight Cave served this Grand Encampment with distinction for the past four years. We wish him well and extend our profound thanks for his outstanding service. Sir Knight Hartman has served the Grand Encampment with distinction as chairman of the Religious Activities Committee for many years, and we feel sure that he will continue a high tradition of excellence in his new office.



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# Prelate's Chapel

As the Civil War raged, a young Episcopal minister in Philadelphia ministered tirelessly, not only to the members of his congregation, but to the multitudes of soldiers coming in and out of Philadelphia, who were often wounded and near death.

When the war ended in April of 1865, a grateful congregation sent their beloved minister on a trip to the Holy Land. It was on Christmas Eve of that year, having journeyed by horseback from Jerusalem to Bethlehem, that Reverend Phillips Brooks stood in the Church of the Nativity to worship “close to the spot where Jesus was born.” Reverend Brooks was deeply moved by this experience and later noted: “...how again and again it seemed as if I could hear voices I knew well, telling each other of the wonderful night of the Savior’s birth.”

Three years later, Reverend Brooks decided to write a new hymn for the children of Holy Trinity Church, Philadelphia, to sing for the Christmas morning worship service. And so, recalling the moving experience of being in Bethlehem several years earlier for Christmas, he wrote one of our most beloved hymns of this season, *O Little Town of Bethlehem*.

Those who have traveled to the Holy Lands know what a moving and insightful experience it can be. That is why I am so grateful to our Grand Encampment for yearly sponsoring the Holy Land Pilgrimage for ministers. Each can tell you how moving it is for their own personal devotion and insightful for their preaching. Our faithful support of the Holy Land Pilgrimage continues to impact lives and enhance our witness to the One who was born Savior of the world. Let us rejoice in His birth as we re-dedicate ourselves to telling others this great good news.



by  
**Rev. William D. Hartman**  
**Right Eminent Grand Prelate**  
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Born: September 14, 1931  
Died: October 6, 2010

Robert John DiPasquale  
Connecticut  
Grand Commander 2007  
Born: June 29, 1940  
Died: October 7, 2010

## A Chat With The Managing Editor

Last night I was thinking about heroes. I'm picky about who I choose to be my heroes. I don't have many. I can only think of one who played sports or advertised tennis shoes. I suppose some of them have been on cereal boxes. It's hard to find heroes nowadays. Every time I think I have identified one, it seems he gets caught with his pants down or smoking dope. One thing all my heroes have in common is chivalry. They were gentlemen.

One hero stands out above the others. He was a gentleman, a statesman, and a warrior. He was also chivalrous and a Freemason. Try something for me. If you have children in your life, grandchildren, nieces, or nephews, ask them two questions; "Who was George Washington's wife?" and "What is the name of his farm?" Go by your local school and see if you can find a portrait of George Washington on a classroom wall. Every classroom had one where I grew up; or maybe it was *when* I grew up. If you don't get satisfactory answers, you might want to consider spending some quality time with them by taking them on a vacation to Mount Vernon. The visitors' center has been completely redone, and it is a great place to take bright young minds. While you are in the neighborhood, you might want to drop in at the George Washington Masonic Memorial down the road. It couldn't hurt.

I believe that George Washington is the only president we have had who served solely because he had been persuaded that it was his duty and not for the honor of the position. Did you know that he wrote a book about the rules of civility? That's part of chivalry.

Do you have a hero you would like to share with us? One who was chivalrous; a gentleman? Drop me an e-mail, and tell us about him. Who knows, it might even be a her.

Finally, Glenda, Precious, and I wish for you and your loved ones, the most peaceful and happy Christmas ever. Enjoy your family. Do something fun with the kids. Thank God for the country we live in and for our Savior, Jesus Christ!

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John L. Palmer  
Managing Editor





## Letters to the Editor



Sir Knight John L. Palmer,

I believe the following just may benefit and help others who truly seek more light (knowledge) and will further explain how three words are there at all times for us as humans, Master Masons, Knight Templars, and Scottish Rite Masons.

After reading Reverend Sir Knight William Warden's *A New Way of Thinking a Masonic Spirituality* in the *Knight Templar* of March 2010 Volume LVI No. 3, I thought about how we apply Jesus' three words "Ask," "Search," and "Knock" in John 7:7-11. We do it in many ways each day, gaining knowledge, which is more light to share with others.

"Ask": We ask friends, family, and others for their help in finding things we need, or for more information about a subject we are not sure of. If we don't ask we do not gain an answer which is more light.

"Search": We search, for a job, tools, a new car. We look at ads in the news paper and on television. Searching things out gains us more light about what we find and can use.

"Knock": This can be applied to a phone call appealing to someone for information ("Ask"), to wish someone well, or to sending a resumé to a company for a job.

If we do not knock, we learn nothing, and gaining nothing, we can do nothing.

There are many applications that can apply to the three words above. If it were not for our loving God who loves His children here on earth, we would not be able to use the three words and be able

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to "ask" others about things or "search" for answers or "Knock" on friends, family, and employers' doors. We would not have others helping us. We are put here to help each other just as Jesus did.

A new Subject:

When we are at our Masonic Lodge for a meeting, and at the end of each meeting, we hear three tools mentioned, they are the square, level, and plumb. How do we as Master Masons apply these three tools to ourselves?

Square: Being square with ourselves in everything we do or say and square with everyone we know or meet. No stories or lies.

Level: Being level with ourselves and truthful in what you think and say to others we know and meet.

Plumb: No, it is not something you can eat. This tool shoots a straight line up and down. It is used in building from ground level up.

How we apply this is to be straight and truthful with everything and everyone.

Just a reminder about the cable tow we had around us, it attaches us to every Master Mason around the world.

Sir John, I hope this brings more light to some others and wish and hope it will reach the churches so others can learn how they apply the three words of Jesus every day in their lives. I hope that the above will be in one of the Knight Templar publications.

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# Knights Templar Cross of Honor Templary's Highest Award

The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America presents the recipients of the Knights Templar Cross of Honor for the year 2010. These distinguished Sir Knights have demonstrated meritorious service and have been rewarded for it. The *Constitution and Statutes* of the Grand Encampment state that the Knights Templar Cross of Honor "shall be awarded only for exceptional and meritorious service rendered to the order far beyond the call of duty and beyond the service usually expected of an officer or member."

This year the Grand Commanderies have selected only sixty-seven Sir Knights to receive the coveted Cross of Honor.

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# TIME TO CELEBRATE

By  
Sir Knight Donald Craig Kerr

**T**his is a special time of year as we celebrate in December two significant events. For some it is Hanukkah and for others it is Christmas. Both have their origins in the ancient land of Israel. Both stories come from the Bible, and both tell a story of the miraculous. Both recite the way God works through the ordinary to create something unique and memorable.

Hanukkah is the festival of lights. It is a reminder of how, after the cleansing of the Temple, enough oil was miraculously found to keep the lamps of the Menorah burning for eight days. It is a time for celebration when gifts are given. More than that, it is a reminder of the deliverance from slavery and the new hope of freedom and of how God made His presence known through the courage of a savior, Judas Maccabeus.

Christmas, likewise, tells of a Savior whose name is Jesus. The setting is in Bethlehem, and the scene is very ordinary – a cave, straw, a manger, sheep, and an innkeeper. Out of these most commonplace circumstances is born something most extraordinary – Emmanuel, God with us. God's presence makes the ordinary become miraculous.

We need these times of remembrance. We need to know our heritage. We need to know that God comes. A light shines. A new hope dawns. The days pass as other days pass, and the future is ever before us, which means according to the promise of long ago – God in His mercy and love will always be there to meet and cheer us.

So, a joyous holiday to one and all!



The Reverend Sir Knight Donald C. Kerr, a member of Beauseant Commandery No. 8, Baltimore, MD, is Pastor-emeritus of the Roland Park Presbyterian Church in Baltimore. He resides at 700 John Ringling Boulevard, Apt. E202, Sarasota, FL 34236-1586

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# SALUTING OUR GRAND COMMANDERS

Congratulations are extended from our Most Eminent Grand Master, William Howard Koon, II and from the grand officers of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A., to the Grand Commanders of the Grand Commanderies under their jurisdiction. As a part of this salute to their dedication and tireless service to Templary, *Knight Templar* magazine is printing the names and the available pictures of the Sir Knights who will serve as Grand Commanders for the current Templar year.

These Grand Commanders are the guiding hands on the tiller of the ship of Templary, navigating their vessel faithfully through the uncharted waters ahead.



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Greetings Sir Knights,

Let me be one of the first to wish you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas. This season is especially meaningful for us as Knights Templar as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. One way to celebrate the birth of Christ is to help those less fortunate than ourselves by making a year-end contribution to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation is doing tremendous work. Last month we discussed research on amblyopia or “lazy eye.” This is only one of the exciting areas of research that you, through the Foundation, are sponsoring. This year your Board of Trustees authorized 25 grants of \$40,000 each for a total of \$1 million. The Scientific Advisory Committee has approved 18 grants totaling \$720,000.

One way that you can ensure that the work of the Foundation will continue into the future and benefit generations yet unborn is to include the Foundation in your estate plan. In addition to direct gifts by will, the Foundation can accept income from trusts, remainders of wills or trusts, proceeds of insurance policies, gifts from retirement and pension plans, and cash and securities. As individual situations vary greatly, please check with your attorney, financial advisor, and tax advisor for specific advice. In addition, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation office staff may be able to help. You can contact the office at (847) 490-3838 or [manager@ktef.us](mailto:manager@ktef.us). Remember that anyone who designates the Knights Templar Eye Foundation in their will and provides suitable notification to the Foundation will be listed in the *Gold Book* and designated as a “Sight Crusader.”

Finally, I know that the Christmas season is a very busy time for you. However, if you haven’t already done so, now is a good time to begin thinking about late winter and spring fund-raising projects. I encourage each Commandery to hold an Eye Foundation night and sponsor a fund-raising project. Your fund-raising activities will not only benefit the Foundation but will benefit your Commandery by providing an opportunity to involve members as well as increase your visibility in the community.

As we close the book on 2010 and look forward to the New Year, I would like to thank each of you for your hard work and support of the Foundation this past year.

Sir Knights, PLEASE BE GENEROUS.

Jeffrey N. Nelson KCT, PDC  
Chairman  
43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Campaign



## Grand Master's Report – 2010 Goals and Resolutions

Last January in the Grand Master's Message, I listed the goals and resolutions of the Grand Encampment officers. As promised, I'm pleased to make the following report:

**We resolve to provide leadership training to all of our upcoming Grand Commandery officers.** Beginning last July at the Mid-Atlantic Department Conference, we began leadership training. We still have two conferences to go, and Sir Knight John Palmer's presentation has been such a success that we are now making plans to continue this process into 2011.

**We resolve to enhance the ability of our charities to be more inclusive of those Sir Knights under our banner around the world.** With the move on behalf of our Knights Templar Eye Foundation into research and improved care, all Knights Templar under our banner throughout the world can benefit. We will be working on encouraging pilgrimages to the Holy Land from those Grand Commanderies outside of the United States.

**We resolve to have the Grand Chapter and Grand Council portions of YRIS fully developed and available.** This entire process has been far more involved than we had imagined, and we are just now beginning to make this system available. This was an area in which we didn't do as well as we would have liked.

**We resolve to make further improvements to the *Knight Templar Magazine*.** Through the efforts of our editor and publisher, Sir Knights John Palmer and Sid Doris, the *Knight Templar* is the premier Masonic publication.

**We resolve to have a 3 year and a 6 year long range plan in place to be reported on next January in this publication.** This has been done and the long range plans of the Grand Encampment have been reported at each department conference since July.

**We resolve to expand department conferences to include all officers, administrative officers of a Grand Commandery, and interested Sir Knights.** This was a carryover from the year before; we continue to place emphasis on this and we will be working on it again next year.

**We resolve to identify and involve untapped talent in our membership.** As a part of the leadership portion of our department conferences, we have set aside time to identify untapped talent who will be invited to the next conference in each department. This effort has been well received, and we will soon know how well it is working.

One year ago, we set lofty goals well knowing that some would be met and others would need to be continued but all the time realizing that without them we would not prosper. You alone will be the judges of our successes. It is our duty to report our progress, but the approval is yours.

Your Grand Encampment officers are pleased with our progress, yet we realize that more work needs to be done. We are up to the challenge! Be sure and read the January ***Grand Masters Message*** to see what the resolutions for 2011 will be!

Fraternally,



# General Supplement

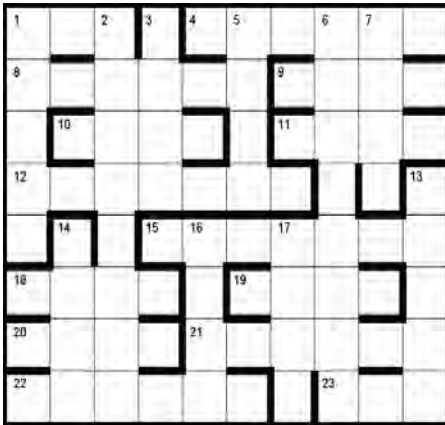
The space on these two pages is provided by the *Knight Templar* magazine to be used by the Grand Commanderies to communicate with the individual Sir Knights in their jurisdictions on a monthly basis. From time to time and for various reasons, we fail to receive any material from the editor of the state supplement for a given month. When this happens, we take the opportunity to offer you the information below. – The Ed.

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## CRYPTIC PUZZLE

by Loki

Solution in Next Month's Issue

### ACROSS

1. 3, 5, 7, for example, are 'special' in an unconventional manner (3)
4. One cereal box outside refrigerator (6)
8. That woman is in a spa found in Nepal (6)
9. Epithet is not applicable to me (4)
10. Picks a random spot (4)
11. Confused right hand and second hand (4)
12. Gathered doctors to Medicare Agency's education (7)
15. Demonstration ballad for last Grand Master (2,5)
18. Flier for architect and legendary Grand Master before 1717 (4)
19. Adapt to west-bound tide (4)
20. Biggest little city affixed again by refuse (4)
21. Audience for Nicholas's basketball team (6)
22. Yes, Spanish rest outside to fend off heat, for example (6)
23. Unspecified company closing (3)

### DOWN

1. Operating System auto-branded meats (5)
2. Delaware father has longings for first Grand Master (2,6)
3. Exploding star produces beautiful scenes (4)
5. Escape projecting peninsula (4)
6. First Degree gets sand in large meeting place (8)
7. Oh me 'n' oh my! (4)
13. Buggy psycho hides, roams without roots (5)
14. Type of masonry that costs nothing (4)
16. Surname in Smallville, Kansas fraternity (4)
17. Loki's king produces no ado (4)

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# The Revival of a Patriotic Order: Knights Templars in England and New York

The first in a series about the origin and development of Masonic Templary

By

Dr. Susan Mitchell Sommers

Scholars of the development of modern Masonic orders have proven, beyond any shadow of even the smallest doubt, that there is no historical connection between the Medieval Knights Templar or Knights Hospitallers, and the Masonic degrees and orders of the same name that appeared in Britain, Europe, and North America in the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. This disconnect was common knowledge in the eighteenth century, but in the disruption of Masonic traditions and learning that occurred during the American Revolution and the early years of the Republic, much of the institutional memory of modern Freemasonry on the American side of the Atlantic was lost, or at the very least mislaid. Subsequently, Freemasonry in America established its own traditions and degree systems, frequently based only tangentially on traditions and mythologies inherited from Grand Lodges in England and France, as well as those of Ireland, Scotland, and other obediences from across the Continent.<sup>1</sup>

Thus, North American members of the Masonic Knights Templar should look to their eighteenth century progenitors for the authentic roots of the modern order. Probably the single most important figure in the development of the order in Britain, the “father” of modern Knight Templarism in Britain and, arguably at least an

important influence on its development in North America, was Thomas Dunckerley, the first Grand Master of the Masonic Knights Templar in England. If the name does not ring any particular bells, it is no great surprise. Dunckerley was a towering figure in late eighteenth century English Freemasonry, but the last full-scale biography of Dunckerley was completed by Henry Sadler in 1891, and there has been little subsequent research.

Thomas Dunckerley (c. 1720-1795) was so influential in his day that he scarcely needs an introduction to students of English Freemasonry. Over the last quarter of the eighteenth century, Dunckerley was largely responsible for building up the provincial organization of the Premier (Moderns) Grand Lodge in southern England, serving as Provincial Grand Master for eight Masonic provinces in the 1790s, and establishing a model of local governance which has deeply influenced provincial Freemasonry in England to the present day. Dunckerley also took a leading part in the integration of the Royal Arch into the activities of the Premier Grand Lodge, presiding over Royal Arch Masonry in eleven counties. Dunckerley enthusiastically promoted other degrees, commanding both the English Knights Templar and the recently formalized Royal Ark Masons. There is even some evidence that he had in mind the creation of a women’s order

or English Adoptive Rite.<sup>3</sup>

Part of Dunckerley's appeal to contemporaries and subsequent generations of Freemasons was the romance of his life story. Though he was born the son of a royal porter at Somerset House and a physician's daughter, Dunckerley went on to consort with princes of the blood, and even claimed (almost) to be one. Few who were familiar with the man would have doubted Dunckerley's intellectual ability or that he possessed the energy and discipline necessary to accomplish great things in the Masonic realm. His colleagues and contemporaries are clear in that regard, and his surviving correspondence speaks eloquently to his capacity for creative organization. Still, in a society where rank and birth were so critical to success, these very achievements might have been beyond the reach of a man of only modest social background. Thus it must have seemed almost miraculous to Dunckerley's Masonic brethren when his "true" status as an unrecognized illegitimate son of George II was "revealed" by his mother on her deathbed.<sup>4</sup> His discovery couldn't have come at a more propitious moment in either his personal history or that of the Craft. After a twenty-year career in the Royal Navy, Dunckerley retired and assumed a leadership role in a group of up-and-coming young Masonic reformers, and previous scholars have suggested that in order to push through some of his more dramatic ideas for the reform of a system verging on obsolescence, Dunckerley needed a bit more ballast.<sup>5</sup> Being the son of George II promised to provide just that. The subsequent history of Freemasonry in England offers testimony to the profound effects of his discovery.

And so the story sat, enthroned and mostly unchallenged for over two hun-

dred years. While his contemporaries sometimes expressed their doubts about Dunckerley's claims of royal paternity, after his death in 1795 it became enshrined in nineteenth-century Masonic literature. By the time of Sadler's 1891 biography, Dunckerley had been elevated to the position of a veritable (and venerated) Masonic hero, and his alleged royal birth was given much of the credit for his personal accomplishments—they were obviously bred in the bone. Recent research, to be presented next year at the Third International Conference on the History of Freemasonry and also at Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076, reveals that the romantic story of Dunckerley's birth and precocious childhood were useful fiction, concocted and promulgated by Dunckerley himself, beginning in the 1760s.<sup>6</sup> Why would an honorable man do such a thing? That is a difficult question, and one that is frankly beyond our ability to answer. However, at least one Masonic historian has suggested that the serendipitous "discovery" was calculated to give the talented young Mason the leverage he needed to secure a royal pension, freeing him from the necessity of finding outside employment. And when that coveted goal indeed came to pass, the pension permitted Dunckerley to devote his considerable organizational talents to the reinvigoration of the Premier Grand Lodge, especially in the provinces, where it was rapidly losing territory and membership to the rival Antient Grand Lodge, established in 1751.<sup>7</sup> Additionally, the claim that he was a royal bastard gave his otherwise modest social status a considerable boost, allowing him to travel in grander circles, to his own benefit, and that of Freemasonry.

**To be continued next month**

## Notes

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**Solution to Cryptic Puzzle on Page 20  
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**ACROSS**

1. FRATERNAL: RAT inside FERN + AL
8. DE(laware) + BUG
9. SCAN anagram of SNAC(k)
10. FAUX homophone of FOE

11. OLD HAT anagram of HOLD AT
12. FLEET double definition
17. AG(chemical symbol) + LET
18. TIE + PIN
19. IN + CA.
20. CHEF: CH(i)EF - I
21. CL(chemical symbol) + OAK
22. ALL-SEEING: anagram of SINGLE ALE

**DOWN**

2. RE + ALM(s, singular)
3. TUXES: changed vowels from TEXAS
4. EGO TRIPS: (parachut)E GOT RIPS
5. RELI(gious st)ANCE
6. ACHY: A(r)CH - R(oyal) + (ro)Y(al)
7. INTO homophone of INN TWO
13. AGILE: IL (roman numeral 49) inside AGE
14. PECAN homophone for PEE CAN
15. (sk)ETCH
16. HEEL double definition

# ANNOUNCEMENT!

Last month, we announced plans to begin an annual Knight Templar pilgrimage with a trip to Portugal in 2011. Due to unforeseen developments, we decided that the Portugal trip would not be the best value for our readers, and the trip has been cancelled. We are already working on a trip to some Templar sites for 2012, and we will keep you posted. We are truly sorry if we got your hopes up for 2011 and then let you down.

# Letters from Recipients of Eye Foundation Research Grants

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Knights Templar for the very generous and ongoing support that is given to the Moran Eye Center through research grants. The Moran Eye Center is very grateful for the significant gifts we have received from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation since 1997, which greatly benefit our research efforts. We greatly appreciate your approval of us to receive two grants for 2010/2011. We are very proud that Drs. Yanhua Lin and Sukanya Karan will be receiving these grants.



Your contributions and commitment are making all the difference in what we can accomplish in our goal to discover treatments and cures for blinding eye disease. With help from the Knights Templar, the Moran Eye Center will continue its legacy of research success and world-class patient care.

Thank you again for the Knights Templar continuous support of our efforts to bring hope through advanced research and excellent treatments. Please feel free to call if you have any questions about the Moran Eye Center, its research, or patient care initiatives.

Sincerely,  
Randall J. Olson, MD  
Chair of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences  
CEO John A. Moran Eye Center



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# The Templars and the Shroud

## The Mystery Unfolds

The third in a series exploring the Shroud of Turin and a possible connection with the Ancient Templars.

By  
Sir Knight John L. Palmer

**I**n the October issue, I told you that the Shroud of Turin is a piece of cloth. Last month, I related our experience of actually getting to visit the shroud. This month we will go into detail about its physical characteristics. You will probably think at first that I am giving you way too much detail, but humor me. This piece of cloth has been the subject of the most intense scientific debate and scrutiny of any object I have heard of with the possible exception of moon rocks. I want you to pretend that you are a detective or forensic investigator as we explore the facts, the legends, and the mysteries of this cloth.

The cloth is 14' 3" long and 3' 7" wide. Running lengthwise down the left edge

is a border about 3-1/2" wide. This border is either part of the original cloth which was at some point "tucked" to make the cloth narrower or is woven into the fabric rather than sewn to it. If it was woven onto the original, it is called a "selvedge" and presumably was placed there to prevent unraveling. It may also have been added in order to center the image on the shroud for viewing.

The cloth is woven from linen which is, of course, made from the flax plant. The type of weave is a little unusual in that it is a three to one "herringbone" twill weave. The flax is of the type that can be found all around the Mediterranean Sea, and the cloth weighs about 5-1/2 pounds. The yarn used to make the cloth is fairly heavy, about .013" thick.

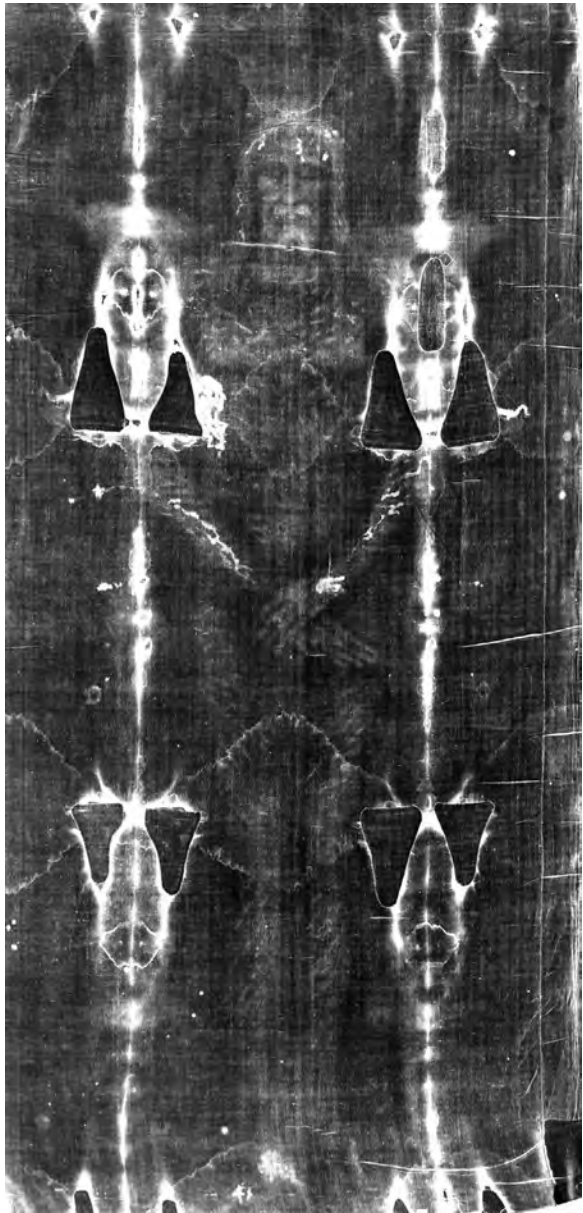


Photo to the left is a 6.3x photomicrograph of the Shroud of Turin showing the three to one "herringbone" twill weave. (c) 1978 Mark Evans Collection, STERA, Inc. All Rights Reserved.

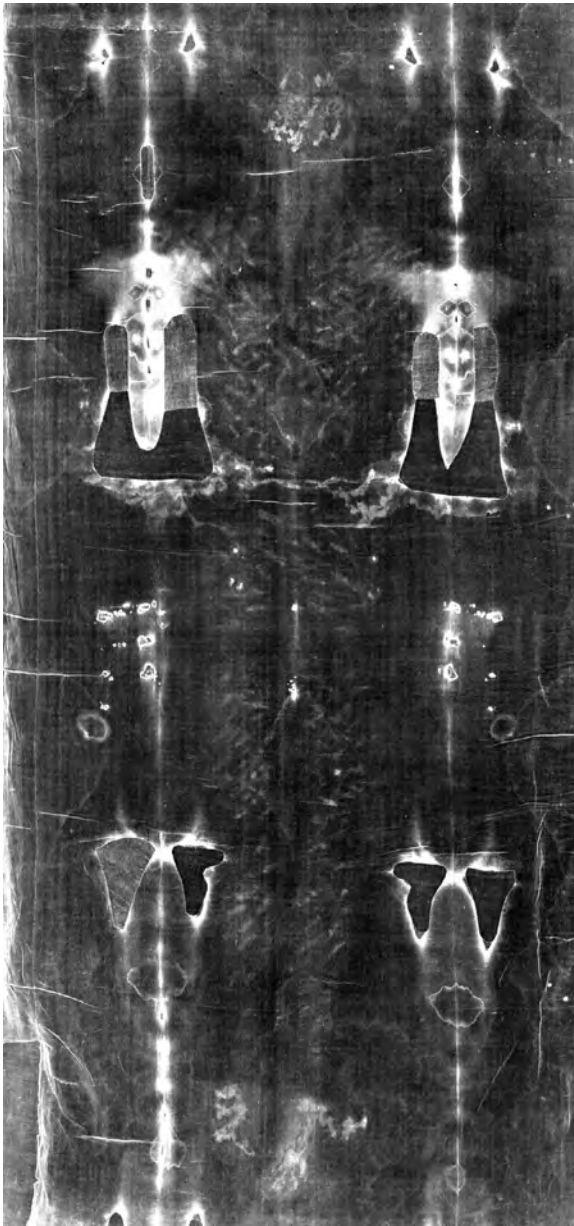
The yarn was manufactured with a “Z” twist as opposed to an “S” twist.

The cloth itself is a little over 1/100<sup>th</sup> of an inch thick. Traces of cotton can be found in the cloth in amounts and distributions that would indicate that the same loom had been used to weave cotton cloth. The cotton is believed to be of an Egyptian variety. No similar traces of wool can be found. There are also some twelve patches that have been sewn over holes in the cloth which are not original material.

Although the shroud was, until recently, kept rolled up in a red silk cloth around a velvet covered wooden staff in a silver clad box, there are creases indicating that it was once stored folded in eight sections resulting in a top layer approximately 3' 7" wide and 1' 9" tall showing only the image of a face. The cloth has been damaged in several ways. The most noticeable damage is sixteen burn holes covered by the patches mentioned above. These are the result of a single burn to the cloth which was folded at the time. This damage we know was caused by a fire in 1532 which melted part of the silver box in which the cloth was stored. The molten silver burned through one



The ventral image on the Shroud of Turin, as it appears on a photographic negative. Accordingly, the image has been flipped left to right. (c) 1978 Barrie M. Schwartz Collection - STERA, Inc. All Rights Reserved.



The dorsal image on the Shroud of Turin as it appears on a photographic negative. Accordingly, the image has been flipped left to right.(c) 1978 Barrie M. Schwartz Collection - STERA, Inc. All Rights Reserved.

corner of the folded cloth resulting in the sixteen triangular holes running in two parallel rows the length of the shroud. The patches were sewn over these holes by the Nuns of Poor Clare, Chambery. There are scorch marks around these patches, but the burn missed the image on the cloth. There are sixteen other smaller burn holes commonly referred to as the "poker" holes because they seem to have been made by thrusting some red hot object like a poker through the cloth four times when folded. No record has been found of how these holes were made, but some speculate that they might have been the result of some medieval magical test of authenticity.

There are also stains on the cloth of three distinct types. First, there are what are often referred to as the "blood stains." Surrounding these are stains which appear to have been made by a clear liquid such as blood serum. Finally, there are stains left on the cloth by water used to extinguish the burning cloth in 1532. At least we know where the last ones came from and how they were made.

The cloth is also contaminated with pollen, wax, threads, paint pigments, and just plain old dust and

had, until recently, its own colony of microbes living in it. There was a cover cloth made of red taffeta sewn to one edge of the linen. This was done by Princess Clotilde of Savoy in 1868. In addition, there was a backing cloth of sixteenth century Holland cloth. Completely surrounding the shroud until recently was a border or frame of blue fabric to protect the edges. The cloth itself is a light brown, yellow, or sepia color typical of old linen.



#### STURP Scientific Team at Work in 1978

The Shroud of Turin is moved from the board it had been fastened to for the public exhibition to the custom built support table it would be examined on in 1978.

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At the lower left corner of the linen cloth is a place where some of the material has been removed. One patch of cloth was removed during a 1973 scientific study and one in 1988 for carbon 14 dating. At least one other piece had been removed prior to 1973, but it is not known for sure why this was done or by whom.

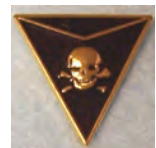
That completes a fairly comprehensive description of the object itself. Next month, we will discuss the image on the shroud.

Many thanks to Barrie Schwartz and the Shroud of Turin Education and Research Association, Inc. (STERA) for his images and his continued support in the development of this series of articles. The STERA web site can be found at [www.shroud.com](http://www.shroud.com). STERA is a non profit association which accepts tax free contributions for the continuation of research and the dissemination of information about the Shroud.

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# Knights

## at the Bookshelf

By  
Glenda Palmer

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But not even the angels who sang that night really knew about “the wondrous gift” so freely given by our heavenly Father. They did not know the far-reaching effect of that gift. Not until the sky darkened and the Temple veil was rent in two 33 years later would anyone know what that gift really was.

But we know! For the Babe of Bethlehem became the sacrificial lamb who died to set us free from the darksome prison house of sin and death. And when he arose on the third day from the grave, it was to let us know that he held the keys of death and hell, and “because I live, you too shall live.” We who have been given this gift of eternal life through the mercy and grace of our heavenly Father through the birth, life, death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ are now to lead others to the Babe of Bethlehem that they too may fall down and worship and receive this greatest gift of all.

As we celebrate the birth of our Lord this Christmas season, Grand Master, we toast you and Lady Elizabeth for your untiring dedication and leadership of our great order and wish you a Blessed Christmas and the best of health and happiness for 2011.

In Christ’s name,

*The Committee on Religious Activities*

Rev. William D. Hartman, PGC., Grand Prelate





## GRAND MASTER'S RESPONSE

To the Grand Prelate, the Committee on Religious Activities, and to all Sir Knights, wheresoever dispersed: Greetings!

My thanks to the Right Eminent Grand Prelate and Committee on Religious Activities for a most meaningful and humbling toast.

During this Christmas season, it is appropriate we demonstrate our belief in Jesus Christ. Chivalry, Christianity, Templary – A Way of Life should be paramount in our minds during this season. While Christianity is the central word and the idea we most focus on, we should keep chivalry alive in our daily lives as well. Chivalry bespeaks kindness, gentleness, courtesy, and compassion, ideas central to Templary. As Templars, let us so live our lives that we too may be deemed worthy to wear the crown.

The officers and membership of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America join me and Lady Elizabeth in expressing our best wishes to you and your family this Christmas season.

In His Service,

⚔ *William H. Koon II.*

William H. Koon, II, GCT  
Grand Master



*The foregoing Toast to the Most Eminent Grand Master and his response thereto are transmitted to you with the request that you extend an invitation through the proper offices to all Sir Knights within your jurisdiction to join in the sentiments thus conveyed at some convenient hour, on or near the birthday of Christ, commonly called Christmas Day, December twenty-fifth, in the Year of Grace 2010.*



# Beauceant News



Left to right; Sir Knight Joseph Korschot, Eminent Commander of Columbus Commandery No. 14; Mrs. Marion Crum, Worthy President of Columbus Assembly No. 226; and Sir Knight Larry Brown, R.E.G.C. of Knights Templar of Indiana.



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Christ the Lord.  
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